

Fiscal Year 2026 USDA Forest Service Budget Highlights

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This is not meant to be a comprehensive list of all the USDA Forest Service programs
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USDA Forest Service Budget Highlights [in Millions]						
Program	FY 22 Enacted	FY 23 Enacted	FY 24 Enacted Consolidated Approp. Act	FY 25 House Report^	FY 26 Skinny Budget Addendum	FY 26 House Report (red denotes less than FY24)
Forest Service Operations	\$1,069.09	\$1,152.74	\$1,150.00	\$1,035.00	\$ 759.00	\$1,035.00
Forest and Rangeland Research	\$296.62	\$307.27	\$300.00	\$299.76	\$0.00	\$301.76
salaries & expenses	\$210.08	\$215.58	\$212.00	\$207.76	\$0.00	\$207.76
Forest Inventory and Analysis*	\$22.20	\$32.20	\$31.50	\$32.00	Moves to NFS	\$34.00
State, Private, and Tribal Forestry	\$315.20	\$337.76	\$303.31	\$282.96	\$0.00	\$280.96
salaries & expenses	\$57.74	\$65.09	\$52.00	\$50.96	\$0.00	\$50.96
Landscape Scale Restoration	\$14.00	\$17.00	\$14.00	\$15.00	\$0.00	\$15.00
Forest Health Management - Cooperative Lands	\$32.00	\$33.00	\$32.00	\$30.00	\$0.00	\$30.00
State Fire Assistance	\$75.00	\$76.00	\$76.00	\$78.00	\$0.00	\$78.00
Volunteer Fire Assistance	\$20.00	\$21.00	\$21.00	\$23.00	\$0.00	\$23.00
Forest Stewardship	\$12.00	\$12.50	\$12.00	\$12.00	\$0.00	\$12.00
Forest Legacy Program**	\$88.88	\$77.94	\$92.25	\$94.25	\$0.00	\$92.26
Urban and Community Forestry	\$36.00	\$40.00	\$36.00	\$33.00	\$0.00	\$33.00
National Forest System	\$1,866.55	\$1,974.39	\$1,863.56	\$ 1,866.47	\$1,471.96	\$1,866.47
salaries & expenses	\$1.45	\$1,519.08	\$1,459.35	\$ 1,430.17	\$1,117.00	\$1,430.17
Hazardous Fuels+	\$187.39	\$207.00	\$175.45	\$ 202.00	\$0.00	\$202.00
Forest Products	\$38.00	\$40.00	\$39.00	\$ 43.00	\$39.00	\$43.00
Forest Inventory and Analysis*	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	\$21.50	n/a
Wildland Fire Management^^	\$2,005.11	\$2,116.96	\$2,312.65	\$2,407.74	Transfers FS Fire Management to DOI	\$2,426.21
Salaries and Expenses	\$822.11	\$913.96	\$1,109.65	\$1,204.74		\$1,223.21
Preparedness	\$172.00	\$192.00	\$192.00	\$192.00		\$192.00
Suppression	\$1,011.00	\$1,386.00	\$1,011.00	\$1,011.00		\$1,011.00

^The FY25 House Report was not enacted. The FY25 continuing resolution specifies \$283.5 million for SPTF, but lacks program level detail.

*The FS Budget Justification does not request new funding for research and proposes to move FIA to NFS. The House Report does not move FIA to NFS.

**The Forest Legacy Program is funded by the Land and Water Conservation Fund.

+Hazardous Fuels - The FS Budget Justification proposes to transfer \$175 million from the NFS account to DOI as part of the U.S. Wildland Fire Service. The House Report does not.

^^ The FS Budget Justification asks congress to create one Federal Wildland Fire Service housed within DOI and requests all wildland fire funding to the new agency. The House Report retains Wildland Fire Management in the Forest Service.